

## BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER AT KANSAS CITY.

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Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4640.]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4640) to supplement and amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, and to establish it as a post-road," approved February 28, 1903, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the War Department, as will appear by the following letter:

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,  
*Washington, March 4, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a letter, dated the 29th ultimo, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, inclosing for the views of the War Department thereon, S. 4640, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session, "A bill to supplement and amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, and to establish it as a post-road,' approved February 28, 1903."

The object of the bill under consideration is to extend the time for commencing and completing the bridge authorized by the act of February 28, 1903, to be constructed across the Missouri River at Kansas City by the Kansas City, Parkville and St. Louis Electric Railway Company. The plans for this bridge have recently been presented to the Secretary of War for approval, in accordance with the terms of the act, but final action thereon has not yet been taken. By the terms of the bill, the time for commencing the structure is extended six months and the time for completion one year beyond the periods fixed in the original act. I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of this proposition so far as the interests of navigation are concerned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. MACKENZIE,  
*Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.*

Hon. WM. H. TAFT,  
*Secretary of War.*

